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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 12:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Duke Energy's Request for a Rate Hike

Dear Jeffrey N. Ronald, MHL DD,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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Docket No. 2018-318-E - Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116871>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 6:38 PM
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Subject: Duke Energy's Request for a Rate Hike

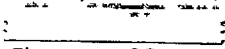
As a Duke Energy customer and a resident of Florence, SC, I would like to register with the PSC my concern over the utility's request from the PSC for a raise in their basic service fees.

Speaking from an academic perspective, one of the first lessons we endeavor to teach undergraduates in Economics 101 is that the most proven inefficient form of industry in a market economy is a public monopoly.

Monopolies are inefficient because that do not generally compete with other companies in the same field. Such, I believe, is the case with Duke energy, who serve an exclusive area for electrical power. Unless and until, Duke can palpably and rationally demonstrate that their request for a rate increase is not a product of their monopolistic position in the marketplace, as a citizen would oppose the PSC granting the utility an increase in revenue unrelated to fixed and variable costs of delivering power to the Pee Dee region.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey N. Ronald, MHL, DD



Florence, SC